REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on 8/23/2007 erroneously contends that Applicants' last response (filed on 7/2/2007) was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. The Office bases that conclusion on the fact that Applicants' last response included a request for a telephone interview before issuance of the next Office Action but did not include form PTOL-413A ("Applicant Initiated Interview Request") with a brief description of issues to be addressed, citing "MPEP37 CFR 1.133" [sic].

The Office is wrong for three reasons:

First, "Applicants are encouraged to use form PTO-413A, however, the fact that applicant does not submit an "Applicant Initiated Interview Request" form is not, by itself, grounds for the examiner to deny a request for an interview." MPEP 713.01 (emphasis added).

Second, since no requirement for an examiner interview was mentioned in the Final Office Action mailed on 4/5/2007, Applicants' failure to submit a PTOL-413A form with their last response cannot be considered a lack of responsiveness to that Office Action, notwithstanding the fact that their response included a request for an interview. Applicants' response filed on 7/2/22007 was fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on 4/5/2007.

Third, contrary to the Office Action's assertion, 37 C.F.R. 1.133 does not contain any requirement that a PTOL-413A form or any other particular form be submitted prior to an examiner interview.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that their amendment filed with RCE on 7/2/2007 was fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on 4/5/2007. Applicants

therefore respectfully request that the Examiner enter that response on the record and reconsider the present application in view of it.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner <u>call</u> Applicants' representative (the undersigned) to schedule an interview before issuing another Office Action.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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